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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

**Administrative Action** 

NATALIE BARONE, Ph. D. License No. 35SI00414500

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon receipt of information from M.B., a resident at the Special Treatment Unit ("the STU") in Kearny, NJ alleging that Dr. Barone ("Respondent") engaged in boundary violations involving a personal relationship with him while respondent was the Clinical Director.

Respondent was afforded an opportunity by the Board to respond in writing to the allegations made by M.B. but has not done so to date. Respondent claims that she has

not been permitted to exhaust the administrative remedies available to her in her former position as Clinical Director of the STU from which she alleges she voluntarily resigned from employment, nor does she wish to waive her 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment right against self incrimination, as she has been informed that she is the subject of a criminal investigation.

The Respondent through her attorney, John Furlong, Esquire, has informed the Board that she is not practicing psychology in the State of New Jersey, has withdrawn from all affiliations that she had with a private practice group in New Jersey and she does not intend to start a private or any other practice in New Jersey. Dr. Barone no longer resides in NJ. Respondent offers to surrender her license to engage in the practice of psychology in New Jersey indefinitely.

The respondent being desirous of resolving this matter on an interim basis without resort to any admissions or formal proceedings at this time, and respondent, without admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend against any proceedings brought by the Board, and the Board reserving its right to investigate as indicated below, to bring formal proceedings regarding the allegations indicated above and the Board having determined that the following provisions are sufficiently protective of the public interest and welfare, and for good cause shown.

## HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

 Respondent's license to engage in the practice of psychology in the State of New Jersey is hereby surrendered indefinitely to the administrative office of the State Board of Psychological Examiners upon the entry of this Consent Order.

- 2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist practicing psychology in any private practice or public or other entity and including the practice of psychology in any exempt setting until her license is reinstated by this Board.
- 3. Respondent shall no later than ten (10) days following the entry of this order, return her wall certificate and current biennial certificate of registration to engage in the practice of psychology to the attention of J. Michael Walker, Executive Director, State Board of Psychological Examiners, P.O. Box 45017, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 4. This order shall not preclude the Board from requiring respondent to appear and/or answer its inquiries as to whether respondent engaged in acts or practices declared unlawful by a statute and/or regulation administered by the Board, at such time as matters regarding respondent's position at the STU and the criminal investigation referenced above are concluded. This order shall not preclude the Board from bringing formal proceedings regarding the matter referenced above at any time.
- 5. Prior to any application for reinstatement of license the respondent is required to come before the Board or a committee of the Board to address the allegations of the matter concerning M.B. and to demonstrate to the Board fitness to resume the practice of psychology. Respondent shall also demonstrate that she has remained proficient in the profession. Any practice in this State prior to said appearance shall constitute grounds for the charge of unlicensed practice.
- 6. The Board reserves the right to impose any restrictions on respondent's practice as it deems necessary, including but not limited to psychological evaluation, remedial education and/or assessment of competency and restrictions on the nature and

location of practice at such time as any application for reinstatement of license is considered.

- 7. This order shall remain in effect until specifically modified by further order of the Board.
- 8. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order shall constitute a violation of the Order which will establish grounds for disciplinary action as the Board may determine.

STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

Nancy Friedman, Ph.D.

Chair

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Natalie Barøne, Psy. D.

DATED: 8/11/10

This Order is agreed to as to form

and entry.

John Furlong, Esquire

Attorney for Natalie Barone, Psy. D

DATED: aug. 9, 7010